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SUBJECT: EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT STATEMENT

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1. EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT ISSUED DEC 3 FOLLOWING TEXT OF EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED IN BELGRADE DEC 2 BY EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT VAN DER STOEL, EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH, AND DZEMAL BIJEDIC, PRESIDENT OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

I. THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

DESIRING TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBER STATES ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, A NON-ALIGNED, MEDITERRANEAN, EUROPEAN STATE AND A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON THE OTHER;

DETERMINED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO PROMOTE AN
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INCREASINGLY HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC AND TRADE

LINKS, AND THUS TO IMPROVE THE STRUCTURE OF THEIR TRADE;

ANIMATED BY A COMMON WILL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS WHICH COULD REFLECT THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE RESPECTIVE LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIES;

CONVINCED THAT IN VIEW OF THE GROWING INTER-DEPENDENCE AND COMPLEMENTARITY OF THEIR ECONOMIES, PROGRESS IN TRADE BETWEEN THEM AND IN OTHER FORMS OF CO-OPERATION WILL MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF THEIR POPULATIONS;

BEARING IN MIND THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION;

HAVE STATED THEIR INTENTION OF STRENGTHENING, DEEPENING AND DIVERSIFYING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND YUGOSLAVIA, IN THE COMMON INTEREST OF BOTH PARTIES, BY DEVELOPING THEIR RELATIONS AND EXTENDING THEM TO NEW AREAS.

III. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TWO PARTIES SPOKE OF THE MAJOR ROLE IN TRADE POLICY TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES PLAYED BY THE INSTRUMENTS AND MEASURES ADOPTED UNDER THE COMMUNITY'S AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES.

THEY ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE, AS A FACTOR IN DEVELOPING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CO-OPERATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S DECISION WITH A VIEW TO ENABLISH YUGOSLAVIA TO OBTAIN CERTAIN EIB LOANS, ON TERMS TO BE AGREED, FOR CARRYING OUT PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST.

WHILE RESPECTIVE THE NON-PREFERENTIAL NATURE OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT, AND IN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE VII OF THAT AGREEMENT, THE TWO PARTIES WILL ENDEAVOR TO CO-OPERATE MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THEIR OWN MUTUAL INTEREST, PARTICULARLY IN TRADE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS.

WITH THIS IN MIND, EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO STEP UP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MARKET SURVEYS AND SALES PROMOTION FOR THE TWO PARTIES' GOODS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE MARKETS, PARTICULARLY FOR YUGOSLAVIAN GOODS ON COMMUNITY AND THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS.

EXCHANGES OF TECHNOLOGY BETWEEN THE PARTIES WILL BE MADE EASIER, IN PARTICULAR SO AS TO HELP YUGOSLAVIA'S INDUSTRY DEVELOP IN THOSE SECTORS WHICH THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA REGARDS AS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE GROWTH OF ITS

ECONOMY.

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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAV INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY INDUSTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED, IN PARTICULAR BY INCREASING AND BROADENING CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES' COMMERCIAL OPERATORS, WITH A VIEW TO INTRODUCING LONG TERM CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THEM.

CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURE COULD BE INTENSIFIED SO AS TO DEVELOP THE COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES' ECONOMIES. THIS WOULD PERMIT DIVERSIFICATION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA'S EXPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY MARKET AND THIRD COUNTRIES.

WITH A VIEW TO THE HARMONIOUS DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, COMMERCIAL OPERATORS OF THE TWO PARTIES COULD SEEK FORMS OF CO-OPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT FOR AREAS WHERE A MUTUAL INTEREST IS IDENTIFIED.

THE TWO PARTIES WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE BETTER INFORMATION ABOUT EACH OTHER'S MARKETS; THIS WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE PATTERN OF TRADE BETWEEN THEM BY ENABLING OPERATORS IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN YUGOSLAVIA TO IDENTIFY MORE PRECISELY THE SECTORS WHERE THEIR EXPORTS COULD BE INCREASED.

THE GROWTH IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND
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ITS MEMBER STATES, AND THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD ALSO BE
SUSTAINED BY STIMULATING INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN JOINT VENTURES.

LASTLY, THE TWO PARTIES CONSIDER THAT STUDIES SHOULD BE MADE
TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC SECTORS WHERE CO-OPERATION SHOULD BE
CONTINUED AND STRENGTHENED, SUCH AS TRANSPORT, FISHERIES, IRON
AND STEEL, ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATICS, (SIC) THE
ENVIRONMENT, TOURISM, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, AND
ANY OTHER SECTOR OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

III. IN CONCLUSION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA
ARE DETERMINED TO EXPLORE EVERY OPPORTUNITY OF IMPLEMENTING THIS
CO-OPERATION, THE FIRST FRUITS OF WHICH ARE ALREADY TO BE SEEN IN
THE WORK DONE UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EEC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT
COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THEY HAVE THEREFORE AGREED
TO CALL A MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IN
ORDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI OF THE AGREEMENT, TO START
EXAMINING THE DEVELOPMENTS ENVISAGED IN THIS STATEMENT, AND TO
SEEK WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING THE PRINCIPLES ALSO SET OUT ABOVE.
THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES WILL BE ADOPTED AS SOON AS THIS EXAMINATION
HAS BEEN COMPLETED." END TEST. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. COMMENT.

AS SEEN FROM HERE, JOINT STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE WHAT EC COMMISSION
OFFICIALS AND YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE EC HAD PREDICTED PRIOR TO THE
EVENT: A QUASI-POLITICAL DOCUMENT PLEDGING EC SUPPORT FOR
YUGOSLAVIA'S
NON-ALIGNMENT (WITH AN EYE TOWARD THE POST-TITO PERIOD),
ACCOMPANIED BY A GENERALLY-WORDED CALL FOR ENHANCED EC-YUGOSLAV
RELATIONS ACROSS A BROAD SPECTRUM OF TRADE AND FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY, WITH THE DETAILS OF SUCH STRENGTHENED COOPERATION TO
EMERGE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. WHILE THE JOINT
STATEMENT MAY NOT HAVE GONE AS FAR AS THE YUGOSLAVS WOULD HAVE
LIKED IN STATING HERE AND NOW PRECISELY WHAT THE EC IS PREPARED
TO DO TO ASSIST YUGOSLAVIA FURTHER ECONOMICALLY, IT DOES ACHIEVE
THE MAJOR PURPOSE DESIRED BY BOTH SIDES: TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION
OF GATHERING MOMENTUM IN EC-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, THEREBY
ASSISTING YUGOSLAVIA TO MAINTAIN ITS BALANCE BETWEEN EAST AND
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